Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee – March 14, 2018

Present: Adan Carillo, Betsy Byrnes, AJ Martine, David Ward, Marcus Kaller, Tom Jackson, Reed Topham

Absent: Aaron Searle, Brady Wheeler, Ian Scharine, Martin Gregory

5:40 pm- Public Input

Tom Jackson said he discussed active transportation with a planner from West Valley City.

5:42 pm- Partner Updates

Katherine Hills, from the County Health Department, reported that there is nothing new to report. Applications for Tiger grants were being evaluated and researched.

Beth Haney, from the Bike Ambassadors Program, reported that they have recruited 19 ambassadors and currently being trained. In addition, they have scheduled 16 events, including several seminars at local bike shops on bicycle maintenance. There will also be another series of classes for adults, particularly refugees, to learn how to ride bicycles. The first class will be held at Escalante Elementary, and the second one will be at the Sorenson Unity Center. Adan Carrillo asked if these events were being promoted. Beth responded that the events are being shared on Facebook.

5:50 pm- County Update

Helen Peters asked committee members to sign the roster sheet to identify the county council member representing their community.

Helen gave an update on the general plan for Magna Metro Township. She and Aaron Searle are invited to work with the steering committee for updating the general plan, focusing on active transportation. The two, along with representatives from the County Health Department will conduct a workshop on Tuesday, April 17 (6 pm – 8 pm) at the Webster Community Center.

Helen also said she is working with the Salt Lake County Operations Associate Director on 2018 roadway maintenance projects so that when an overlay, chip seal or slurry seal has been completed, appropriate bicycle infrastructure is provided through striping, signage etc. Areas that have roadway maintenance projects include Magna Metro, Kearns Metro, Millcreek, Taylorsville, and Holladay.

On the Legislative front, House Bill 58 (HB 58), known as the “Utah Yield” bill, failed to pass.

Helen gave an update on the Transportation and Land Use Connection. The program awarded matching funds to communities working to reduce traffic on the roads and enable people to walk, bike, and use transit easier. Communities being award are Holladay, Millcreek, Salt Lake City, West Valley, Salt Lake County/Jordan River Commission, West Jordan and South Jordan.

Helen gave out recruiting flyers to committee members to post at their favorite places. She stressed places in areas not represented by the committee.
There will be Wasatch Canyons Planning workshops on Wednesday, March 28 at the Holladay City Hall (4580 South 2300 East). The first workshop will be for trail users, from 5:15 pm – 6:45 pm. The second workshop will be for road cyclists and runners, 6:45 pm – 8:15 pm.

Helen mentioned the 2018 Bike Utah Summit, where she was a presenter, and Adan Carrillo was in attendance.

Finally, Helen announced the Golden Spoke Ride will take place on June 2. More information will be available on the Wasatch Front Regional Council’s web site (www.wfrc.org).

Business Meeting

5:55 pm- Prior Meeting Minutes

David Ward motioned to approve the minutes, and AJ Martine second it. The motion was passed.

5:57 pm- Move Utah

Heidi Goedhart said she was heading this new program, launched in November 2017. It is looking to help communities develop healthy habits. This was transitioning from the Road Respect program. It would focus on both bicycle and pedestrian safety. Its mission includes integrating transportation plans, identify benefits of health and activity, improve quality of life for communities, enhance law enforcement through education, and encourage respect among roadway users. They will be sponsoring the upcoming Zombie Ride on June 5 in Cottonwood Heights. Heidi also stated that, due to new criteria, Salt Lake City fell from being the fifth best place for bicycling, to eighth best. Adan Carrillo asked are they leveraging departments to help communities. Heidi said they aim to be a valuable resource for communities.

6:20 pm- Bike Utah

Phil Sarnoff talked about the experience from this year’s summit. He also talked in detail about the new advocate group, which consists of high profile members from local government and business who favor active transportation. Wilf Sommerkorn asked how the group can help with legislation such as HB 52. Phil said the initiative committee came up with three ideas:

First, Bike Utah created a new survey called “Utah State of Bicycling Survey.” Phil Sarnoff pointed out that the data that the Wasatch Front Regional Council possessed was five years old. The new survey will aggregate the data to determine how to improve active transportation in the region. The survey will be on Bike Utah’s web site (www.bikeutah.org) until April 13, 2018.

Second, Bike Utah will conduct Mobile Active Transportation Tours for officials in communities throughout the state. The purpose is to “facilitate learning and networking among individuals interested in advancing active transportation across Utah.”

Third, the Youth Bike Education and Safety Program, with the goal of teaching over 3,00 children how to ride bikes and create healthy habits.

Fourth, a new campaign will be unveiled what is called the 1,000 Miles Campaign. The goal is to create 1,000 miles of new bike lanes and trails that are family-friendly in Utah. This will come out in a few months.
Fifth, there will be a new license plate available for cars to put on. The plate is called “Share The Road,” with the bike crossing sign on the left. The plates can be obtained through the Utah Tax Commission, and proceeds go to Bike Utah’s youth education programs.

6:40 pm- Mayor’s Office Boards and Commission and Review

Helen Peters announced the application from Anna Vukin-Chow to join the committee. She also said that Marcus Kaller and would serve a second term for the committee. Meanwhile, Helen said that Peggy Mair stepped down from the committee. She asked committee members to turn in their disclosure forms and volunteer contracts.

6:50 pm- Budget

David Ward expressed relief after learning that the budget was passed last month, according last month’s minutes. There was a question on matching funds and a policy of the type of funds the committee wants to help. Dave Iltis said the print ads funding is not entirely resolved yet. AJ Martine reminded the committee that whatever it decides to fund should be considered carefully.

7:05pm- Meeting Adjourned